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VISIT OF HUD OFFICIAL TO SOVIET UNION

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1. U.S. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY L. WAYNE GERTMENIAN PROPOSES TO VISIT MOSCOW ARRIVING SUNDAY, APRIL 6 TO MEET WITH HIS COUNTER-PART, G.D. TROITSKII, CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, GOSSTROI, AND OTHER SOVIET OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR FIRST JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN WASHINGTON. (SEE SEPTTEL RE LETTER FROM SECRETARY CARLA HILLS TO IGNATII NOVIKOV OF GOSSTROI, SUGGESTING JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON BEGINNING JUNE 16. SECRETARY HILLS UNABLE TO HOLD MEETING IN MAY OR EARLY JUNE BECAUSE OF OTHER PRESSING COMMITMENTS).

2. ACCOMPANYING MR. GERTMENIAN WILL BE CHARLES N. RASSIAS, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS DIVISION, HUD OFFICE
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OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND JOHN T. DRESSEL, CHIEF OF COMPONENTS

SECTION, ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING DIVISION, HUD OFFICE OF UNDERWRITING STANDARDS. (MR. GERTMENIAN'S FATHER, SABOOH GERTMENIAN, WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY AT OWN EXPENSE.)

3. PROPOSED VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE ALONG LINES OF GERTMENIAN'S ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED JANUARY VISIT (REF A): 3-4 DAYS OF DISCUSSION IN MOSCOW AND 2 DAYS TO MAKE STUDY TOUR OF GOLDEN RING TOWNS AROUND MOSCOW (SUZDAL AND VLADIMIR); VISIT HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND NEW TOWN SITES IN CAUCASUS AREA, PARTICULARLY IN TBILISI (2-3 DAYS), AND YEREVAN (1 DAY); ALSO VISIT TO SITE OF RECENT EARTHQUAKE NEAR MAKHACHKALA (REPORTED BY PRAVDA JANUARY 12). (ANATOLII ROMAS, WHO DISCUSSED GERTMENIAN'S VISIT DURING ROMAS' MISSION HERE WITH URBAN ENVIRONMENT TRANSPORTATION GROUP LAST FEBRUARY, OFFERED FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE. PLEASE INFORM ROMAS OF GERTMENIAN'S PROPOSED ITINERARY.)

4. NAMES AND TITLES OF U.S. MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEE AND U.S. LIST OF SUGGESTED PROJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED BY GERTMENIAN IN MOSCOW WILL BE FORWARDED SEPTEL.

5. PLEASE OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OF TIMING OF GERTMENIAN'S VISIT FROM TROITSKII AND ALSO INFORM ROMAS.

6. GERTMENIAN ASSUMES GOSSTROI WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN MEETING SITE AND HOTEL OR EMBASSY AS NECESSARY. PLEASE CONFIRM. ALSO PLEASE ASSURE THAT MEETINGS BEGIN NO EARLIER THAN 10:00 A.M.

7. REQUEST RESERVATIONS OF LARGE DOUBLE ROOM FOR GERTMENIAN AND SINGLES FOR RASSIAS AND DRESSEL. ROOMS SHOULD BE ADJOINING; HOTEL ROSSIYA PREFERRED.

8. IF FLIGHTS NOT AVAILABLE FROM TBILISI TO TEHRAN, RASSIAS PROBABLY WILL NOT ACCOMPANY GERTMENIAN AND DRESSEL TO CAUCASUS REGION BUT PROCEED DIRECTLY FROM MOSCOW TO TEHRAN FOR INTERNATIONAL UNION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES (IULA) CONFERENCE ON URBANIZATION, APRIL 15-19. SEPTEL WILL CONFIRM HIS ITINERARY.

9. PRECISE FLIGHT TIMES WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS CONFIRMATION OF VISIT RECEIVED FROM SOVIETS. (GERTMENIAN PLANS TO DEPART UNCLASSIFIED

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